

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

Introduced by Representative:
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Adopted by voice vote on January 13, 2011, during the First Regular Session of the 117th General Assembly.

A HOUSE RESOLUTION affirming support for increasing Taiwan's international space and participation in and contribution to the global community.

WHEREAS, The Republic of China (Taiwan) has achieved economic and social stability, has been lauded as a beacon of democracy for Asia the last two decades, has dramatically improved its record on human rights and has taken great steps forward to enter the world arena as a trusted partner;

WHEREAS, Indiana has a strong cultural and economic relationship with Taiwan since establishing sister state relations on November 6, 1979;

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the world's 17th largest economy;

WHEREAS, Taiwan's absence from international organizations dealing with climate change has impeded Taiwan's ability to respond to natural disasters like Typhoon Morakot;

WHEREAS, Typhoon Morakot struck Taiwan in the summer of 2009 during an unusually bad typhoon season in the Pacific that was possibly exacerbated by climate change, and in turn, the global initiative to tackle climate change has been impaired by the lack of participation (observer status) of Taiwan;

WHEREAS, The Taiwan government is grateful for the assistance and condolences of the international community in the wake of Typhoon Morakot as dozens of international organizations and nations stepped up to help, including the United States, which supplied military equipment for rescue and recovery operations, the European Union, Japan, and the Chinese mainland;

WHEREAS, Aviation safety has become a major global concern since 2001;

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a key air transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region with over 1.35 million flights passing through the Taipei Flight Information Region and Taoyuan International Airport, the world's 15th largest airport by cargo volume; and

WHEREAS, The Taiwan government has undertaken a policy of "flexible diplomacy" in its international relations and a pragmatic approach to China, having completed a number of cross-strait liberalization measures, including regular, direct passenger flights between mainland China and Taiwan and other goodwill measures resulting in reciprocal gestures and rapprochement between Taipei and Beijing:

THEREFORE, *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives affirms its support for the participation of Taiwan in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to increase Taiwan's international space and contribution to the global community.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Indiana Congressional delegation, Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer of the UNFCCC, Secretary General Raymond Benjamin of the ICAO, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

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